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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The foreign-language document (EP 1123834) is relevant in that it discloses a vehicle seat back (1) that consists of a moulded back (10) of an air permeable material with a ventilator unit (14) mounted on the rear. The ventilator unit (14) consists of an external coupling unit (16) for a ventilator fan (18). The coupling unit has a circulator channel running round the coupling surface so that air from the fan passes into and round the circulator channel then through the air permeable seat back to ventilate the back of the passenger (8).

An English translation of the foreign-language document is not readily available. However, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted foreign language document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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